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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL
ON THE INCEPTION OF THE “NEXT GENERATION E9-1-1 PROGRAM”
BY THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION**

I applaud the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) for creating the Next Generation E9-1-1 Program and moving forward to tackle this difficult issue.

As Chairman of the FCC, I have consistently urged service providers to work closely with state and local governments to ensure that Enhanced 9-1-1 services are deployed expeditiously and factored into the development of next-generation technologies. We are in an era of rapid innovation and expanding consumer choices, and our nation’s 9-1-1 system must keep pace with these advances in order to protect the public in times of emergency.

This responsibility must be shared by all involved -- landline and wireless telephone companies, Internet-based service providers, Public Safety Answering Points, equipment manufacturers, and local, state and federal agencies. NENA’s NG E9-1-1 leadership team is well positioned to lead this dialogue and help all the players translate the discussion into action.

I hope everyone involved in the 9-1-1 system will do their part to make this program meaningful and successful.